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ELEPHANTS HAVE RIGHT OF WAY

Holiday among wild animals

A correspondent of the CN spent a holiday not long ago in the vast Queen Elizabeth Game Reserve in Uganda. She had some thrilling moments and here she tells us what it is like to spend a night in a safari lodge with wild animals all around.

THE Queen Elizabeth Game Reserve, opened by her Majesty the Queen last year when she and the Duke of Edinburgh visited the safari lodge, covers an area of 756 square miles. It lies north and south of the Equator in Western Uganda bordering on to the frontier of the Belgian Congo.

Strict laws protect the wild life and were passed to prevent certain species from becoming extinct and for the study of their lives and habits.

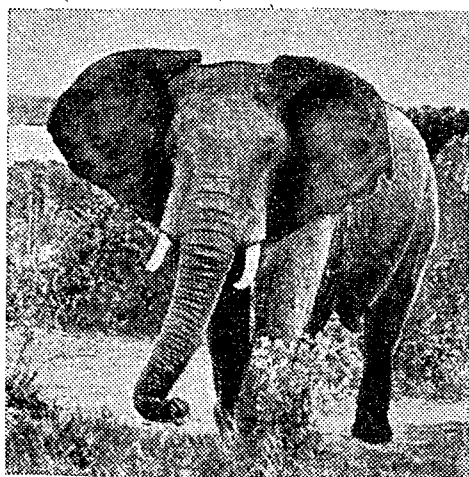
The famous Mweya Lodge in which we spent some days stands on a bluff of land with a magnificent view looking towards the Mountains of the Moon. Eastwards, immediately below, lies the quarter-mile-wide Kazinga Channel of Lake Edward, swarming with hippopotamus.

KEEP TO THE RULES

It is necessary to keep very strictly to the rules, and you are asked to see that everything is done beforehand to have your car in as perfect running condition as possible before you enter the reserve. There must be no getting out of your car, and when you wish to stop to watch animals, your engine must be kept running in case you have to make a quick getaway.

You are asked not to hoot, a noise which elephants apparently do not like. And a very important notice informs you on several roads that "Elephants have Right of Way."

The safari lodge is a group of thatched huts with a central dining-room.



An elephant at Queen Elizabeth Reserve

Evening is full of the noise of hippo snortings, as they submerge and play in the water before coming in to graze on the shores of the lake and channel. In fact, one visitor complained that the noise of hippo snortings had kept him awake all night.

By seven o'clock it is deeply dark, and the 20 to 30 guests like to gather on the veranda, and then the talk is all of the experiences of the day, what each has seen and where. Should one of the resident game wardens come in everyone is all ears for any adventure or reminiscence. These are the men who have to tackle the rogue elephant and track and kill the wounded lion.

WALK IN THE DARK

We put off the time when we should have to leave the circle of friendly, thrilling talk, but at length we switched on our torches and the five of us, keeping closely together, walked across the few hundred yards to our huts.

Every shadow or movement in the night sent little shudders of excitement down our spines. We had just heard a game warden tell how on this very path last week a buffalo had pushed him over as it blundered along. Hunters say that they fear the buffalo most of all the wild animals.

INTENSE SILENCE

Inside our straw-roofed huts we checked up carefully on all our window and door fastenings.

We crawled under our mosquito nets, tucking them firmly around us. Great bats were lumbering around the dimmer parts of the ceiling, and an enormous beetle wandered slowly round the wooden walls.

Sometimes the silence was so intense you could almost touch it, and then would come the howl of a hyena. I listened and heard soft padding footsteps. Perhaps it was a leopard on the prowl, for the leopard is a night wanderer and does not come out by day.

More hippo noises came from Lake

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SEE HOW THEY RUN

It is believed that a number of sprinting records were recently set up by workers on the lower Umfolozi River in Natal.

While an excavator was cleaning up the muddy river, the grab lifted a nine-foot crocodile and deposited it gently among a working party. It trundled back into the water, but not before the men had scattered in all directions at top speed.

COOK COOKED

In the showroom windows of the Yorkshire Electricity Board in The Headrow, Leeds, stood a wax figure of a chef at an oven. It was, of course, designed to attract attention; but never was it so successful in this as during the heatwave, when it stood there headless. The wax round the neck of the figure had melted and eventually the head dropped off.

Sea view

The fishermen's quay in Folkestone Harbour is a wonderful spot for a little sketching.

CYCLING SEAMEN

A Copenhagen firm provides bicycles for the use of sailors ashore. They have proved popular with crews visiting ports in Norway, Sweden, and Finland, where the long light nights of summer have given opportunities to make long trips inland.

In the case of the Company's smaller vessels which have no storage space for cycles, machines for the crew's use are now kept at the port of Kotka in the south of Finland.

The oil tankers, however, sailing more distant seas, are to carry bicycles for use in ports where there is no public transport available ashore.

NO REST FOR JANE

Jane Parkin, of the Fourth Form at West Bridgford Grammar School, had a busy time at the school's end-of-term concert.

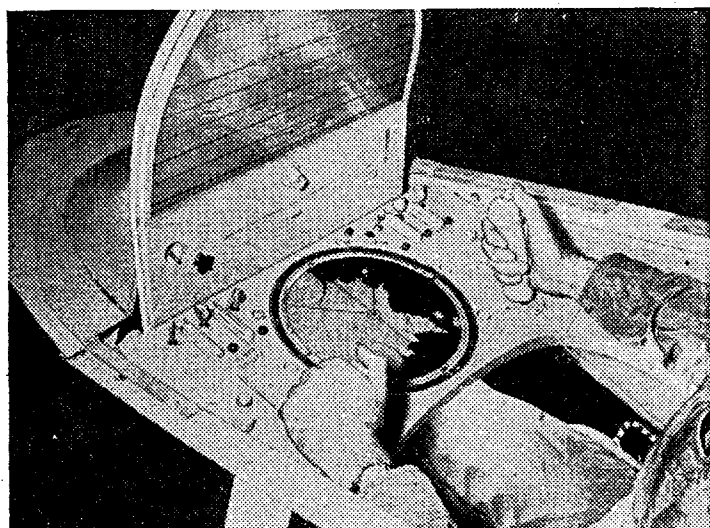
After playing second violin in a selection from Sullivan's *Iolanthe*, she went to the piano for the solo part of the last movement of Bach's *Concerto for Pianoforte and Strings in D Minor*.

Next she sang in the madrigal group, went back to second violin in Handel's *The Faithful Shepherd*, and finished up as a soprano in the school choir for Parry's *Blest Pair of Sirens*.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

A Sittingbourne boy received a queer "postal packet" recently. His uncle, who lives on the Gold Coast, sent him an unwrapped coconut with the name and address painted on the shell.

TELEVISION AND THE PILOT



A revolutionary type of instrument panel for supersonic jet planes, which makes use of television instead of the usual array of dials, is soon to be fitted to aircraft of the United States Navy.

This new arrangement presents the pilot with all the information he needs—for both day and night flying—on two TV tubes.

One is a transparent semi-circular plate mounted in front of

the pilot, which shows the altitude, speed, and angle of the plane. It will also display physical features of the land below, such as mountains.

The second television tube is a round plate mounted horizontally inside the cockpit, which provides the necessary information for navigation. On the tube will be superimposed information concerning fuel consumption, power output, and so on.

SNAKE IN THE LIFT

Mrs. T. Murrell of Port Elizabeth hurried into a lift on the fourth floor of a building, pressed the button for the ground floor, and then heard a hissing sound behind her. As the lift moved she found herself trapped with a cobra, poised ready to strike.

The terror-stricken lady pressed all the buttons in the lift simultaneously and brought the lift to an instant stop between floors. She then pressed the "Alarm" and ground floor buttons together. As the lift jolted to a stop on the ground floor and the doors opened, she fled into the street, the cobra swaying behind her.

Employees in the building killed the snake with broomsticks, but cannot understand how it got there as it must have travelled through three miles of the city before finding the lift.

BLIND AUTHORESS OF 86

A blind lady of 86, Mrs. Helen Wilson, has written a book about the old pioneering days in New Zealand. Published under the title *Land of my Children*, it tells of the happy days and the hardships among the settlers in the bush 50, 60, and 70 years ago.

It is six years since Mrs. Wilson, having mastered touch typing, wrote her first book, *My First Eighty Years*. Now she has typed her own story of what life was like in the years when much of New Zealand was covered by forest, when enormous tracts of the country were without roads, and yet there were plenty of courageous settlers willing to work hard to make homes and farms for their children.

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Edward and were answered from the waters of the channel.

From seven a.m. one morning we watched from the lodge veranda a family of seven elephants have a very prolonged bath in the water below. We saw one great bull elephant floating on his back and kicking his legs into the air.

We did see three lions one evening, satisfied and quiet after a kill, a few feet from the car; but coming close to a family of elephants in all their hugeness is, to me, the greatest thrill of all. The bulls, whose height can be up to 12 feet or more, usually move first, the mothers and little ones in the middle, more bulls bringing up the rear.

Should one stop and look back, especially if he starts to wave his tremendous ears, you pray that he will not have

curiosity enough to investigate further.

You can wander round the reserve in your own car, taking the precaution to inform the warden before you start exactly which route you are going to take.

Many of the visitors prefer to go in the lodge Land Rover, with a skilled animal guard who knows by much experience just how near to the animals one can go with safety.

GOOD IDEAS

Since British Railways introduced their Staff Suggestions Scheme in 1949, over 32,000 ideas for producing greater efficiency or attracting more trade to the railways have been put forward by railwaymen.

Over 6000 of these suggestions have been rewarded and have gone for further consideration by the departments concerned

All nations are his heirs

The world is apt to forget what it owes to some of its millionaires. In our country the name of Lord Nuffield has become a byword for good works. And another British-born benefactor was Andrew Carnegie; and, of course, in America there is the famous Rockefeller Foundation, conferring benefit to the whole world.

Now a new fountain of blessings is to flow from the Gulbenkian Foundation, established under the will of the fabulously wealthy oil magnate, Calouste Gulbenkian.

The greater part of his vast fortune is to be used for charitable, artistic, educational, and scientific purposes for the benefit of people of every nationality. Its scope is indeed wide, but Calouste Gulbenkian was a man of wide compassion.

Of Armenian parentage, he was born in Turkey, but became a British subject in 1902. It was as a pioneer of the Middle East oil industry that he began to amass his vast wealth. A man of great



Plumes as before

The famous Italian Bersaglieri regiment now wear British type battledress, but retain their traditional plumed leather hats. They nearly always move at the double, and the bandmen, too, play their instruments while they run.

diplomatic skill, he was known in the oil business as "Mr. Five Per Cent," from his share in Middle East oil undertakings.

Apart from his financial negotiations, he had two absorbing interests; helping those whom life had treated harshly, and building up unique art collections.

As a giver he avoided publicity, and probably nobody will ever know the full sum he gave away.

Many people have already enjoyed seeing his celebrated collection of European paintings, which was lent to London's National Gallery from 1936 to 1950, and was then displayed in the National Gallery of Art at Washington. Now all these treasures will become part of the Foundation, which is to have its headquarters in Lisbon, where Mr. Gulbenkian spent the last years of his life.

His name has been added to the small but illustrious roll of those who stored up great riches for the benefit of others.

News from Everywhere

TRAY ASTRAY

A tray of cakes was handed in at Paignton lost property office.

A German pfennig found at Thorne, Doncaster, was dated 1994.

A British oil company has fitted TV sets in 14 of its coastal tankers.

Lightning struck the motor controlling one of the bells in Barcelona Cathedral and set it ringing for a quarter of an hour.

Chris Chataway will broadcast an appeal on behalf of the National Association of Boys' Clubs in the Home Service Programme on August 21 at 8.25 p.m.

A former police station at Walworth in South London is to be converted into a school.

AFTER SIR WINSTON

A new school in St. Catherine's, Ontario, is to be named after Sir Winston Churchill. And a new rose exhibited at the Royal Horticultural Show by Northern Ireland growers has also been given his name.

Mr. Donald Campbell is to take his record-breaking Bluebird to Lake Mead, U.S.A., for more high speed tests.

As an experiment mussel beds are to be sown in part of the River Humber.

It is claimed for a new type of match produced in Czechoslovakia that it cannot be blown out, even by a hurricane.

African animals worth £10,000 arrived at Avonmouth recently aboard the freighter City of Bedford. The biggest animal cargo ever landed there, they were bound for zoos throughout Britain and Europe.

ARCTIC HEATWAVE

So hot was the weather in Alaska recently that igloos were melted.

Seventeen-year-old Philip Tordoff of Cleckheaton has won the Diploma of Associate of the Royal College of Organists. One of the youngest entrants, he gained the second highest marks in the examination.

B.O.A.C. are experimenting with small radio teleprinters in some of their transatlantic aircraft.

Workmen at Felixstowe have found bones believed to be 120,000 years old of reindeer, woolly rhinoceroses, and mammoths.

A 14-year-old Argentine boy, Roberto Madjalena, recently swam 63 miles down the Mississippi, and now plans to swim the English Channel.

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FINE YOUNG MUSICIAN

Well done, Eileen Engelbrecht of Hull, who at the age of ten has passed with distinction the Junior Musicianship Examination, newly established by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. She and a 15-year-old boy were the first two candidates in Hull to sit for this examination.

Eileen has also passed with distinction Grade IV (Pianoforte), and when she was nine won distinction in Grade IV (Violin).

There is no doubt where Eileen's future lies. She has had two of her compositions played by the BBC in Children's Hour, one composed when she was six and the other when she was eight.

Life Class



Two London art students pause while sketching a lion at the London Zoo.

PENNIES FROM A HEDGE

Mr. J. B. White of St. Lawrence, Isle of Wight, clipped a model of the Queen Mary out of his privet hedge. In 18 years he has collected over £400 in pennies from passers-by for the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society.

The model is 48 feet long, eleven feet high, and six feet wide.

EXCAVATION BY STETHOSCOPE

A scientist, a stethoscope, and a 13-year-old schoolboy have solved a seven-centuries-old mystery.

Trying to plot the medieval drainage system of Kirkstall Abbey, Dr. David Owen, of Leeds Museum, guessed there must be an outlet through the fields to the River Aire.

So he called in a man with an ordinary medical stethoscope to listen along the ground while a boy was stationed at the Abbey end of the drain, tapping the opening with a hammer.

The stethoscope picked up tapping noises and so by marking the positions on the surface the course of the old drain, which may yield many interesting finds of coins and pottery, is plotted ready for the 1956 excavation season.

END OF THE IFFLEY MONSTER?

Much fishing tackle has been lost by anglers who have fished for pike at Iffley Lock, haunt of the far-famed Iffley Monster. Mr. Joseph Beesley, the former lock-keeper, hooked the monster several times but failed to land it. He estimated it to be a 30-pounder.

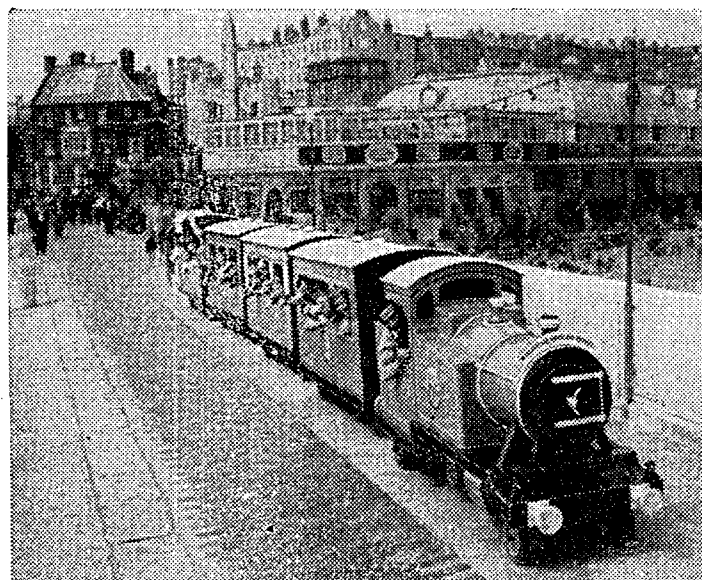
The present lock-keeper, Mr. Arthur Rouse, has also hoped to secure this fish, for children paddle nearby, and it was feared that they might be attacked.

Recently, a local angler, Mr. Allan Hall, caught a 24-pound pike.

It was 42 inches long, but whether it was the one and only Iffley Monster remains to be seen.

BUMPER HARVEST

The town of Albany in the wheat lands of Missouri has 50,000 bushels of wheat stacked 15 feet high in its main square. This is a result of a shortage of railway wagons and lack of storing space. As yet the harvest is only half over.



No rails needed

A new attraction to Ramsgate is this miniature train which runs along the harbour's East Pier.

WAR ON RUST

The Melbourne Metropolitan Board, the water supply authority for Australia's second largest city, is waging a non-stop war against rust. So keen is the authority to fight this, its chief enemy, that it has built a £200,000 plant for the purpose.

Engineers and technicians work ceaselessly to protect pipes, each worth up to £650 and weighing up to eight tons, from corrosion.

The process is expensive. It costs about £250,000 to put the protective coats of enamel on the 22 miles of 68-inch steel pipeline connecting the Silvan Reservoir to the Upper Yarra Dam, the chief source of Melbourne's water.

But the process is worth the cost. Rust would eat through unprotected pipes in ten years. But the special coatings are estimated to give a life of 100 years.

UPLIFT

Bertie, a young bullock belonging to a Prestatyn farmer, was trapped in a two-foot wide ditch for two hours while members of the Rhyl Fire Brigade and an R.S.P.C.A. Inspector tried to free him.

Presumably seeking shade from the sun, Bertie had walked into a sheltered ditch in a field, but found he could not move forward.

He refused to move backwards, so the Fire Brigade decided to lift him upwards.

They fixed ropes round him, filled in the ground under his feet. Bertie still refused to move.

So they left him and went to borrow a builder's winch to lift him, and while they were gone, Bertie just got up and walked away.

SMALL FRY

Although told by fish culturists that sticklebacks could not be bred in tanks, Arthur Oppenheimer decided to try. He took four to his school—the Garden Suburb School at Hendon—and put them in a tank 18 inches long. He and some of his classmates gave them lots of plant cover and attention and after a time about 50 fry appeared.

NEW JETLINER

It was just a year ago that the Boeing Stratoliner prototype made its first flight. Now, as though to celebrate its first birthday, permission has been given by the U.S. Government to put the plane into production for airlines.

During more than 200 hours of flight-testing this impressive new machine has flown at speeds of more than 600 m.p.h. and at heights above 43,000 feet.

A four-jet, swept-wing aircraft capable of carrying up to 135 passengers and flying non-stop across the Atlantic, the Stratoliner is considerably larger than the Comet, but not as big as Britain's new Vickers V.C.7.

MORE AND MORE PEOPLE

The world's population is estimated to have increased by 35 million in a year. The estimate given in a United Nations report gives the total as 2,528,300,000.

Latest figures given for continents are: Africa 216 million inhabitants; North America 233 million; South America 121,100,000; Asia, excluding Russia, 1323 million; Europe 406,500,000; Russia 214,500,000; Oceania 14,200,000.

FULL MARKS FOR THIS VILLAGE

Upper Broughton has won a competition for the best-kept village in Nottinghamshire. The competition was organised by the Nottinghamshire branch of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England and was held in the county for the first time.

Features commended by the judges were the beautiful gardens, the well-kept churchyard, and the well-mown cricket field.



For long shots

This long-range camera was used at the Geneva Conference by a photographer of a German illustrated magazine. He has a second gun-like camera round his waist.

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Thatcher craftsman

Mr. J. Tinsey, of Chippenham, has been a thatcher since he was twelve and all his work is a contribution to the charm of our countryside. This cottage is at Sandy Lane near Calne.

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

New observatory begun

AUGUST 10, 1675. GREENWICH—Work began here today on the building of the new observatory which is to be the headquarters of John Flamsteed, recently appointed by the King to the new post of "astronomer observator" to the realm.

It is being built with strictest economy. Only £520—raised by the sale of some spoilt gunpowder—is to be spent on the building, and second-hand material is being collected from various sources.

Mr. John Flamsteed—our first

"Astronomer Royal"—will have to pay his assistants and buy his instruments from a meagre salary of £100 a year.

The observatory owes its inception to the enthusiasm of the King. Always concerned for the progress of science in this country, King Charles was greatly impressed by Mr. Flamsteed's astronomical arguments. The building is to be used for observations which can rectify existing tables of fixed stars and also determine longitudes, thus perfecting the art of navigation.

Mystic stone removed

AUGUST 11, 1296. EDINBURGH—It is revealed here today that the English Army—now marching south under their victorious leader, King Edward—will take to England the Stone of Scone which is now enshrined in the Abbey of Scotland's ancient capital.

This ancient trophy is believed to have been brought to Scotland by a Scottish king some 500 years ago, and Kings of Scotland have been crowned upon it in Scone for close on 400 years. The Stone is 26 inches long, 16 inches

wide, and nearly one foot thick.

The decision to take the Stone is undoubtedly in accordance with the English king's policy, for after his 21-day conquest of Scotland he is resolved to wrest from the Scots any symbols or memorials supporting their claims to separate sovereignty.

(The Stone is now in the Coronation Chair in Westminster Abbey, more closely guarded since it was carried off to Scotland by young Scots on Christmas Day, 1950.)

Death of Florence Nightingale

AUGUST 13, 1910. LONDON—Florence Nightingale, reformer of hospital nursing and heroine of the Crimea War, died at South Street, Park Lane, to-day. She was 90.

Florence Nightingale will ever be remembered for the work she did in hospitals during the Crimean War. To the wounded in that bitter campaign she became known as "The Lady with the Lamp," and her kindness brought cheer and comfort into the darkest corners.

When, shortly after the war, she visited Queen Victoria at Balmoral, she stressed the need

for reform in hospitals, and although made an invalid she continued her task of advising and encouraging hospital staffs and nurses.

In the closing years of her life honours and distinctions were showered on her from many countries, and two years ago she was given the Freedom of London—the second woman ever to be accorded that honour.

This illustrious woman would certainly have been buried in Westminster Abbey, but her last wishes were that she should rest in the burial place of her family at East Wellow, Hampshire.

RADIO AND TV

UP THE SPOUT AND DOWN THE DRAIN

No TV camera will have been so far underground, even in a coal mine, as the Roving Eye this Thursday when it is taken into a tunnel 100 feet down at Holloway, North London, to show a new water main bringing water from the Thames to the Lea Valley Reservoir in Essex. Producer Antony Craxton visited many sewers to find a suitable one.

The programme, called Up the Spout and Down the Drain, is to mark the centenary year of London's main drainage. Max Robertson, the commentator, will travel with the camera on a small truck through the eight-foot diameter tunnel to a point 200 yards from the shaft.

Meanwhile, his colleague, Michael Henderson, will be at the other end of London in a sewer under Charlton Athletic football ground for another part of the programme. He tells me he will



Michael Henderson

wear frogman's equipment. A heavy rainfall can fill the sewer very quickly, and people down below are warned by tapping on the manhole covers.

"I was a 'Desert Rat' with the 7th Army," Henderson said. "Perhaps that's why they chose me for a sewer rat!"

Cameras on the trawler

I WONDER whether any viewers will feel seasick next Monday? For the first time TV cameras are going to sea in a small boat, the Plymouth trawler Robin John, giving a vastly different effect from the rock-steady decks of H.M.S. Bulwark, which viewers recently visited.

The Robin John will have been trawling off the south coast of Devon, and viewers will join her just as she begins to haul in the fish.

Besides the edible fish, all sorts of strange creatures may cascade on the deck. Fishermen call them "trawl rubbish." Dr. H. G. Vevers of the Plymouth Marine Biological Research Laboratory will be on board to pick out and explain these oddities.

Experiments for this tricky TV broadcast began last April. Only 61 feet long and 42 tons, the boat will carry two TV cameras, two diesel generators, and four radio transmitters.

Demeter dances



Gillian Martlew, who took the part of Demeter, the Earth goddess, in the new ballet Persephone at Sadler's Wells, London. It was performed by the visiting Ballet Rambert Company.

Sounds of the countryside recorded in London's Parks

My old friend C. Gordon Glover, a frequent broadcaster in Children's Hour has been roaming in London parks along with Eric Simms, who makes nature recordings. They want to show that every open space has a character of its own. We can hear the results in a Home Service series beginning next Monday called Country Walks in London.

There are certainly differences in the animals and birds you will meet in Epping Forest, compared with Bushey Park, as Eric Simms will show. But Gordon Glover has also found greatly varying types among the human population of the parks.

They will bring out these variations in the broadcasts, visiting Richmond Park, Epping Forest, Regent's Park, Wimbledon Common, Bushey Park and Hampton Court, and, of course, Happy Hampstead Heath.



Eric Simms adjusts the microphone and sound reflector

The final Test

THE final Test between England and South Africa opens on Saturday. Viewers and Light Programme listeners will pay many visits to the Oval between then and the last day, August 18. Brian Johnston and E. W. Swanton will be the TV commentators.

After stumps are drawn on the 18th, E. W. Swanton will give a TV analysis of the whole series.

The winners

IF you tried to Spot the Tune in Children's TV on July 13, and sent in your postcard, don't forget that Eric Robinson will announce the winners this Wednesday.

Brainwaves galore

MANY viewers must have missed TV Inventors' Club. After a long holiday it will be back on the screens on Thursday with Geoffrey Boumphrey and John Gilbert demonstrating another batch of brainwaves.

Army boys on parade

Boys of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps at Aldershot will be seen in Children's TV on Friday giving a display at the Royal Lancashire Agricultural Show at Blackpool. Later in the evening the finals of the Jumping Championship will be televised.

ERNEST THOMSON

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ROUND THE TOWNS

by Alan Ivimey

UNIVERSITY TOWN BY THE SEASIDE

You get quite a different idea of the Welsh seaside town of Aberystwyth according to where you stand when you look at it.

From the Promenade, for instance, you see a curve of hotels and boarding houses, a pier, a bandstand—and then, if you are lucky, a little dark ridge between horizon and sky which is one of the hills of Ireland over 80 miles away.

But if you climb the hill of Pen Dinas, where the first known settlement was made in this district 6000 years ago, you see a harbour and boatbuilders' yards and a bridge running to a long straight street cutting right through the town to the front. And from here you plainly see both the black-towered castle and the buildings of one of the very few universities which stand right on the sea.

In the harbour you are likely to see some yachts, for there are



1110, was a mile or more farther south. It was destroyed by the Welsh. In 1277 Edward I began the building whose ruins we see now interspersed with lawns and flower-beds. It stood then as it stands now, strong and grim upon its little promontory. Little wonder that the garrison was only 18 archers and 24 crossbowmen—they did not fear siege for it could be relieved by sea.

Welsh and English each captured and recaptured the castle, and Edward I twice spent a week there, using it as a base for operations against David of Wales, who was eventually executed at Shrewsbury. Then, over 100 years later, Prince Henry captured it with the aid of artillery, and it remained a royal stronghold till the Civil War.

Then, held for Charles I, it was betrayed to the Parliament and blown up. But during that war a mint was set up within the walls to make locally-mined silver into coins for the king's cause.

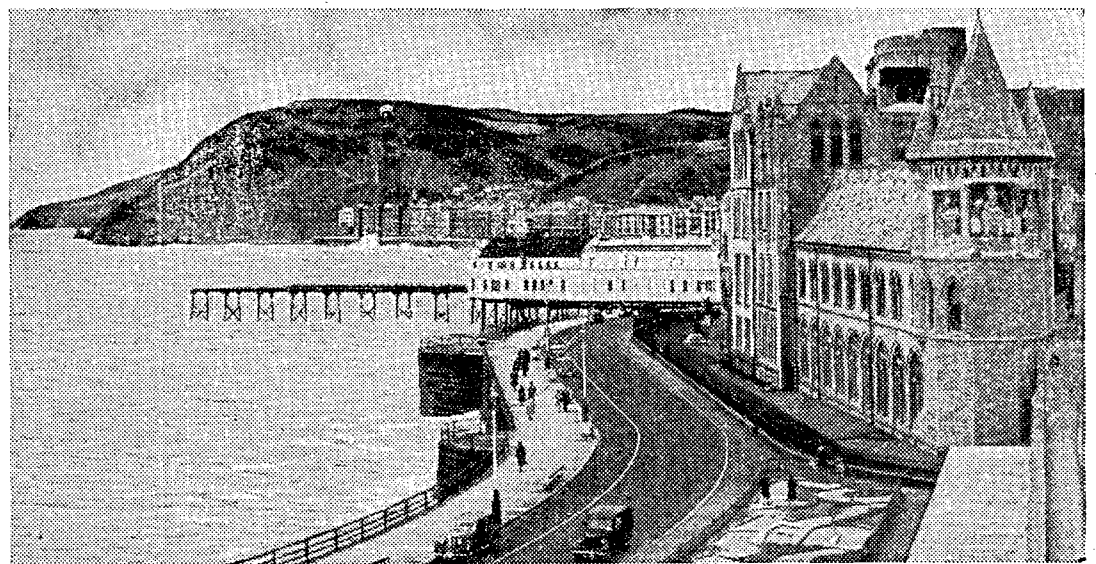
The town, with its little harbour which had grown slowly under the protection of the castle, changed its name in the reign of Elizabeth I. The first castle was near the mouth of the Ystwyth river, and had been called Aberystwyth—mouth of the Ystwyth. But the town to the north, on the banks of the Rheidol, which joins the Ystwyth at its mouth, had always been called after its founder, the Celtic Saint Padarn. Llanbadarn Caerog they called it, or "Walled Padarns-church."

RESORT REPLACES PORT

Perhaps travellers or sailors found "Aberystwyth" easier to say. At any rate, from the 16th century onwards this town on the banks of the River Rheidol has been called by that name.

Until the coming of steamships Aberystwyth was the biggest port in Wales and was also the market for a large surrounding area. But while the harbour declined in importance, owing to its inability to take deep-draught modern vessels, the place gradually became popular as a resort.

Early in the 19th century a medicinal spring was discovered whose waters were said to cure various ailments, especially when combined with a walk up Constitution Hill. The latter is still the name of the headland north of the



The front at Aberystwyth, with the University College on the right

town, but nowadays it is climbed by means of an electric cliff railway. And, of course, the wonderful scenery in the neighbourhood—Rheidol Valley and a 300-foot waterfall, the Devil's Bridge and the Cistercian Abbey of Strata Florida—all helped to increase Aberystwyth's reputation which grew as travelling facilities improved.

The University College, which is part of the University of Wales, was established here in 1872 and in 1919 still another landmark was added to the town, the Welsh Plant Breeding Station, overlooking everything from the north. The interest of her Majesty the Queen in both these institutions has highly gratified the town.

The Plant Breeding Station is now internationally famous, especially for its researches leading to the production of better grass. Wales has always been above all a pasture land, and on the goodness of its growth of grasses and clovers depended the feeding of thousands of people. Now the thousands are growing to millions as the improved strains of grass bred at Aberystwyth are sent to all parts of the world.

BATHING A BEE

In the Station can be seen rows and rows of greenhouses where various kinds of grass are growing in pots. The heads of the plants are kept covered by little paper bags to keep them from being pollinated by the wind or wandering insects, for it is the essence of this wonderful work that fertilisation be controlled.

One of the ways in which pollination is carried out is letting "clean" bumble bees fly about in the greenhouse. The problem of how to bath a bumble bee is one I had never come across before.

It would not do to let a bee with any old pollen on his bristles and legs get into the greenhouse. So bumbles are captured and each put in a test tube with a little water. The tube is well shaken so that the bumble gets his bath. Then he is allowed to crawl out and dry himself and get on with his work in the greenhouse.

From the seeds grown under glass a pure strain is produced for sowing in the open. This is done

under the best possible conditions for preventing contamination from other plants. So sufficient seed is obtained to hand on to the farmer who, in turn, can grow what is called a certified crop. The grass of that crop will contain the right characteristics for resistance to plant disease and the right kind of nourishment for the animals it is to feed.

A little farther down the hill, with a magnificent terrace overlooking the town and Cardigan Bay, stands the white building of the National Library of Wales. It came into existence in 1909 and now contains a million printed books, pamphlets, and newspapers, 25,000 manuscripts, and 3,500,000 documents. The chief aim is to collect and safely preserve all literature about Wales and the Welsh and to provide a great reference library for any department of Welsh life, past or present.

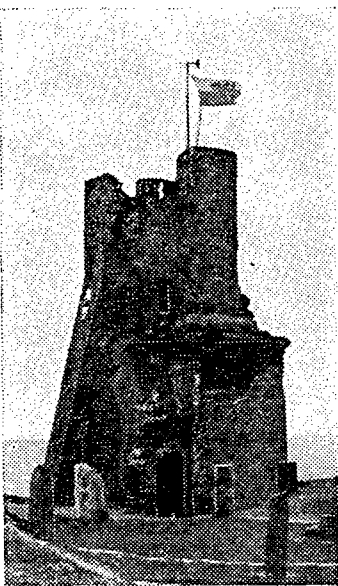
Among many wonders I was shown how rare books can be restored—books found perhaps behind the rafters of a cottage roof and bored through by insects and nibbled by rats and mice.

The head of the Repairing and Binding Department, Mr. Carl Hanson, explained how a paper

page, hundreds of years old and seemingly almost destroyed, can be split in half so that the back comes away from the front.

This is done by pasting a sheet of linen, back and front, on the page and then pulling the linen sheets asunder. The fibres of the paper, being weaker than those of the linen, come neatly apart. Then the two sides of the page are pasted on either side of a new sheet and any damaged print or writing restored.

As I came down the broad steps outside I could see Aberystwyth spread before me—Promenade, University buildings, castle, and harbour. And I thought this was just about the most interesting seaside resort I had ever visited.



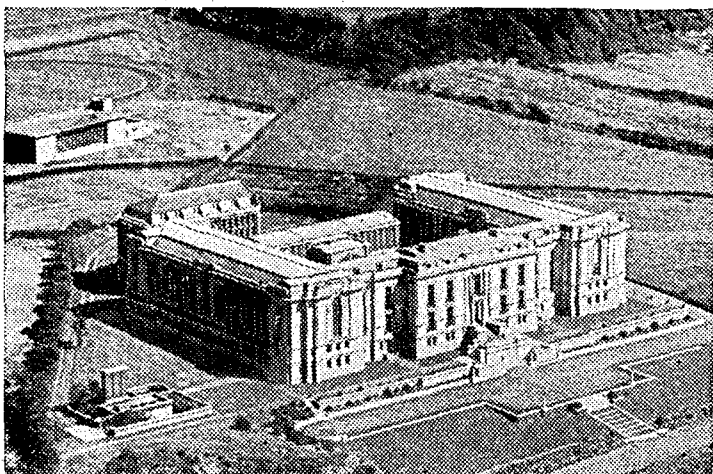
The ruined tower of Aberystwyth Castle

many keen yachtsmen in Aberystwyth. They need to be keen, too, for a calm sea in Cardigan Bay can get up violently in half an hour, and there are few other harbours on this coast to run for.

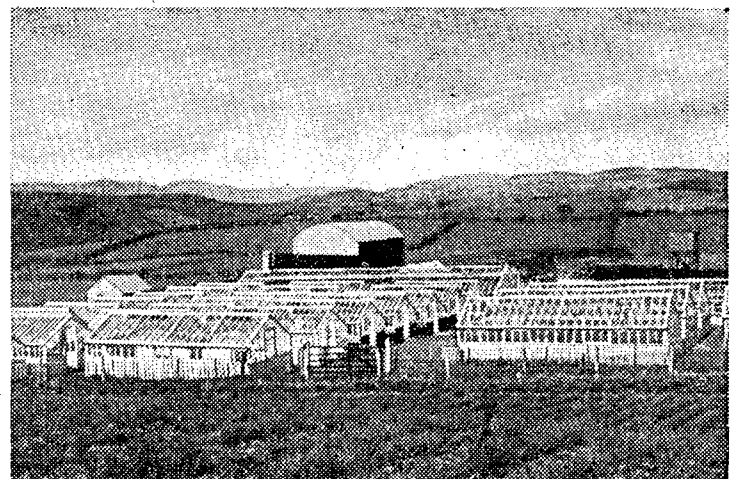
The castle is the second to be built here, though the first one, put up by the famous Strongbow in



Pollen being transferred from one plant to another with a paint brush



An aerial view of the National Library of Wales



Greenhouses on the experimental site of the Plant Breeding Station

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THE BROTHERHOOD OF CRICKET

THERE are, alas, some people who think cricket a dull game; but there can be few who are not impressed by the goodwill and comradeship it fosters.

The all-embracing spirit of the game was well expressed recently by Viscount Cobham, Chairman of the M.C.C.

"M.C.C. governs by no Royal charter and its powers are defined in no statute," he said. "They like to think of the great pavilion at Lord's as a place where cricketers from all over the world can meet in good fellowship and sort out their difficulties without racial, factional, or class distinctions, with one end and one only in view: the good of the game that binds us together."

The brotherhood of cricket is something of which all players are aware, even though they do not often talk of it. Certainly it is something which helps to bind the British Commonwealth of Nations ever closer.

SINGING IN THE RAIN

CERTAIN frogs which have been introduced into Cornwall from Australia are said to croak with a soft bird-like note when rain is approaching. Apparently they like nothing better than a shower.

They should prove useful garden pets. When they start to sing it's time to take the washing in.

The Editor's Table

NEVER SAY DIE

FROM America comes the story of a man who for the 14th time in 30 years has failed in the examination which would make him a lawyer—and still refuses to admit defeat.

He is a workman in a naval dockyard. Born in Russia, he went to the U.S. about 1916 and learned English. Then he started studying law by his own methods. He copied out a huge legal dictionary and learned by heart more than 30,000 law cases.

He sat for his first examination in 1925, and has kept on trying again at regular intervals ever since.

Meanwhile his children have been more successful; one son is a geologist, another a professor of mathematics, a third a civil servant, and his daughter is a teacher.

Father has not yet gained the magic word "Pass." But he has won much useful information and, most valuable of all, found the Never Say Die spirit which is more important than success.

Think on These Things

THE Book of Ruth tells the story of Elimelech and his wife Naomi and of their daughter-in-law Ruth who was loyal in misfortune and stood by to help.

In some of the most moving words of the Bible Ruth declares that she will go with Naomi, and will never leave her—"The Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me."

Loyalty is a priceless virtue. It springs in the end from loyalty to God. If we are loyal to God we shall seek to do His will and keep His commandments.

And from our loyalty to God will spring our loyalty to our home, our friends, our school.

O. R. C.

JUST AN IDEA

As G. K. Chesterton wrote: The world will never starve for want of wonders.

When is a boy not a boy?

WILL some enterprising body fix for once and all what is a youth and what is a boy? Does a boy stop being a boy at fifteen? Or is he still a boy at sixteen? "Young man" is perhaps a condescending term; "youth" is liable these days to be connected with girls as well as boys. "Lad" might be suitable up to a certain age. The golden age of real boyhood is undoubtedly between thirteen and fifteen. But what of the other groups?

P. Boulanger, in the July number of *The Boy*, published by the National Association of Boys' Clubs

Many Happy Returns



A happy picture of Princess Anne, who will be five next Monday

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, August 15, 1925

THE people who are tackling the overcrowding of London's streets have had a brilliant idea. Their new regulations forbid the use of the streets in the crowded area for men, animals, or vehicles carrying advertisements.

It is absurd that this practice has been allowed so long, in London or elsewhere. Who has not seen a string of what are called sandwichmen walking slowly in the gutter down a whole line of traffic? This is now to cease.

THEY SAY . . .

CIVILISED mankind at present is rather like a child who has been given too many toys for its birthday.

Sir George Thomson, F.R.S., in *The Sunday Times*

WE are reaching a state when we think everything should be done for us. We all have to learn that we must do something for ourselves. *Vicar of Horncastle*

IN many ways the Scots are like the Russians—in their sense of humour, their kindness, perseverance at work and the desire to have perfection.

Soviet Minister of State Farms, speaking in Glasgow

TODAY, as yesterday, the only way to get mankind into the Christian church is to love them in. *The Bishop of Sheffield*

WORD QUIZ

Can you say whether a, b, or c gives the correct meaning of the following five words?

- 1 KAPOK
 - a Cotton wool for filling cushions
 - b A long cloak
 - c A small Russian coin
- 2 FUNICULAR
 - a Local dialect or language
 - b Of a rope or cable
 - c Boat-shaped
- 3 HOARY
 - a Blood-stained
 - b Flat-bottomed skiff
 - c White with age
- 4 SELVAGE
 - a Unfilled space in a cask
 - b Rescue of property
 - c Edge of cloth
- 5 OBLOQUY
 - a Talking alone
 - b Abuse
 - c A conversation

Answer on page 12

Out and About

THE road ran downhill through grazing land and several bats wheeled and darted in quiet flight above the meadows and the road. They were finding plenty of mosquitoes or other flies in the calm twilight after sunset. Several times they came quite near, and one could recognise them as Long-Eared bats, which are a little bigger than the tiny Pipistrelle or Flittermouse, commonest of the British bats.

However close they flew there was no danger of collision, for bats have a wonderful sixth sense, and these Long-Eared bats would go on flying for hours after dark, still able to tell if any insect should be near. C. D. D.

The straight path

LET no man turn aside, ever so slightly, from the broad path of honour on the plausible pretence that he is justified by the goodness of his end. All good ends can be worked out by good means. Those that cannot are bad, and may be counted so at once and left alone.

Charles Dickens

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Next Week's Birthdays

August 14

John Galsworthy (1867-1933). Playwright and novelist. His



plays are less remembered now perhaps than his novels. The greatest of them, *The Forsyte Saga* (really a sequence of novels), is a

closely observed study of the wealthy London middle class of his time.

James Keir Hardie (1856-1915). Labour Party pioneer. He had a hard childhood and before he was ten he was working for his living in a Scottish coal mine. In 1888 he stood as the first Labour candidate at a by-election; in 1892 he was elected for West Ham South, thus becoming the first working man to sit in the House of Commons.

August 15

Douglas Clifton Brown, first Viscount Ruffside (1879). Member of Parliament for Hexham, Northumberland from 1918-1951 and Speaker of the House of Commons 1943-1951, when he became High Steward of the University of Cambridge.

August 17

Dame Caroline Haslett (1895). Electrical engineer. A member of the British Electricity Authority since 1947. Director of the Electrical Association for Women Inc. and founder and editor of *The Woman Engineer* and *The Electrical Age*. She is a Governor of the London School of Economics.

August 18

Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit (1900). High Commissioner for India in London since 1954. Mr. Nehru's sister, she was three times imprisoned for participation in the Indian Nationalist movement before she embarked on her diplomatic career. She has been her country's ambassador in Moscow and in Washington and she was elected President of the United Nations Assembly in 1953.

August 19

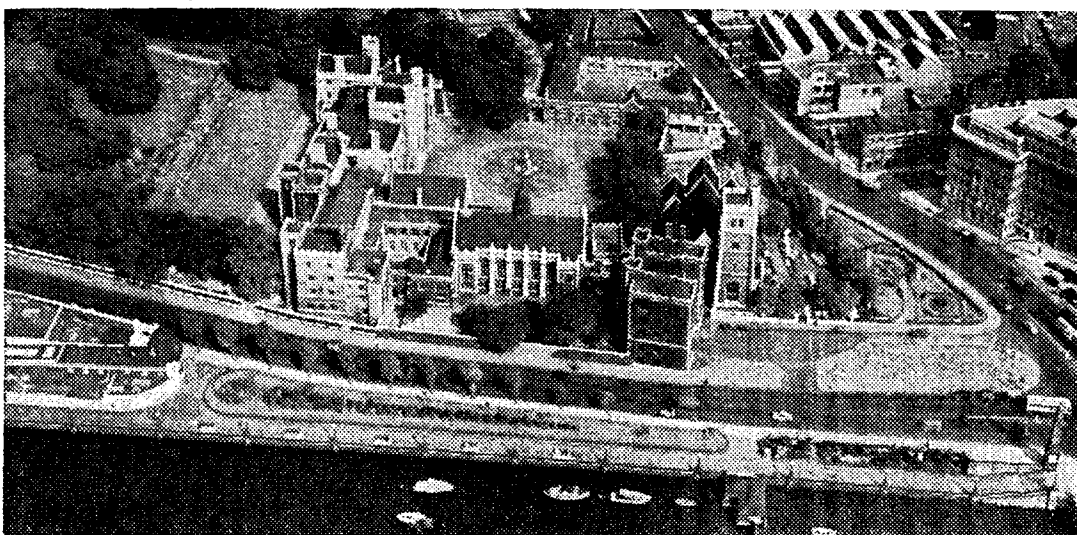
Orville Wright (1871-1948). Aeronautical inventor and pioneer. He and his brother Wilbur Wright worked



together. On December 17, 1903, at about 10.30 a.m., he achieved the first successful powered flight ever made by man.

August 20

Eric Blom (1888). Music critic and Editor of the great *Grove's Dictionary of Music*. Author of many books, including *Music in England* and *Everyman's Dictionary of Music*.



OUR HOMELAND

Lambeth Palace as seen from one of the helicopters on the new service between Waterloo Air Terminal and London Airport

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WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG

300 YEARS AGO

What were children like 300 years ago? What games did they play? What clothes did they wear? What were they taught at school—the few, that is, who went to school in those days?

The answers to these and many more questions are provided by an exhibition called *The Seventeenth-Century Child*, which can be seen until the end of September at the Elstow Moot Hall, near Bedford.

ONE of the chief impressions gained by a visit to the exhibition is that English children at the time of Oliver Cromwell were just as lively and full of fun



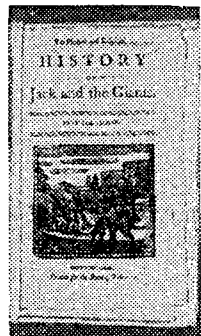
Uniforms were sewn on wire frames to make this toy pikeman

as they are today, despite their greater hardships. They played a crude form of football with inflated pig bladders or leather spheres stuffed with hay. Top-spinning, marbles, skittles, bowling hoops, skipping, leap-frog, and Blind Man's Buff were among their other pastimes.

Evidence that they also indulged in war-like games is given by three petronels or brass pistols—toy models of contemporary matchlock muskets. No doubt they played

their part in fierce games of "Cavaliers and Round-heads," which were probably the 17th-century counterpart of the later "Cow-boys and Indians."

An appropriate exhibit is a tipcat set, for it was a game well known to Bunyan, who was born quite near the Moot Hall. In *Grace Abounding* he tells how he was playing tipcat one Sunday



A fairy story of long ago is a tipcat set, for it was a game well known to Bunyan, who was born quite near the Moot Hall. In *Grace Abounding* he tells how he was playing tipcat one Sunday

(probably on the very green where the Moot Hall stands) when he heard a voice from above and "... leaving my cat upon the ground, I looked up to heaven."

The exhibition attempts to recreate many aspects of a child's life, and it begins, very properly, with a section devoted to birth and baptism. Here we find the christening robes of the elegant Charles II, complete with shirt, bib, cap, and bonnet of fine linen and trimmed with lace. Here, too, is an infant's spoon showing distinct signs of having been bitten by young teeth.

Another link with Charles II is a "touch-piece" gold coin which was given by the sovereign to each person touched for "the King's evil" or scrofula. Queen Anne was the last sovereign to perform this ceremony.

It is, incidentally, a pleasant coincidence that Bunyan and Charles II should be recalled by the same exhibition, for it was in 1672 under Charles II's Declaration of Indulgence that the immortal tinker was as last released from prison to leave "The Valley of the Shadow" far behind him.

Grim reminders of the sterner facts of childhood are given by faded school books with awe-inspiring titles, such as *Græcorum Epigrammatum Florilegium Novum*. But it is pleasant to know that they also had lighter fare, like *The History of Jack and the Giants*, pictured on this page.

From school the young man's path often lay towards apprentice-

ship, and there is to be seen an indenture of 1694 from Dunstable which tells how Francis Flane, when apprenticed to a paper-maker, was prohibited from playing dice or cards, frequenting gaming houses or inns, or from marrying within the term of his indentures!

The exhibition was opened several weeks ago, but it will remain on show until the end of September. If you do pay it a visit, take the opportunity of seeing John Bunyan's



The shirt and bib from the christening robes of Charles II

cottage and other relics that are to be seen both in Elstow and at nearby Bedford.

MUSICIANS ON THE MOVE

The world's most travelled orchestra is probably the famous Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, which is making a European tour this summer as part of an International Exchange programme. Since its formation in 1900 it has travelled more than 1,200,000 miles and is believed to have played more concerts in more cities, and to more listeners, than any other symphony orchestra in the world.

This year's European visit provides for twenty concerts in ten countries, including Britain, which was last visited in 1949.

The 104 musicians travel about 15,000 miles a year in America, and an essential piece of their equipment is "Patti"—the name given to a luggage van which is put at the orchestra's disposal by the railway company. Because of possible damage to valuable instruments, this van is never heated.

BEEES IN THEIR BOX

For nearly a fortnight the villagers of Fownhope near Hereford had to walk two miles to post their letters because a swarm of bees had taken possession of their own local box. Eventually the swarm was persuaded to leave.



A child's embroidered bonnet of satin

World's biggest truck



The world's biggest vehicle on rubber tyres—a truck so big that it will carry ten railway freight vans—will soon be seen on the frozen snow trails of inland Alaska.

Known as the Le Tourneau Sno-Freighter, this giant cargo carrier is 274 feet long and is mounted on 24 huge wheels. Each wheel is more than seven feet high and has its own electric motor and gear reduction system inside its rim.

The Sno-Freighter will be used to provide an overland freight link between areas normally isolated for part of the year.

Dressed for protection against temperatures of 50 below zero,

the four-man crew will look more like space pilots than lorry drivers. The control car, in which they will live, is insulated against the cold and its double-walled windows are tinted to reduce the strong glare of snow-reflected sun rays.

To protect the cargo and engines while fording streams or travelling through bushy country, the Sno-Freighter's decks are nearly nine feet off the ground. The driver's cab at the front of the control car is 17½ feet above the ground.

The Sno-Freighter has a range of 1000 miles, and will traverse the Alaskan snows at a speed of 15 m.p.h.

BOTTLES IN THE PACIFIC

By the end of the year thousands of bottles will be drifting westwards across the Pacific Ocean.

But not with messages from castaways. These bottles will be helping scientists of the Scripps Institute of Oceanography—a U.S. research organisation—to map the ocean currents.

Each bottle contains information stating where it was put in the water and a request that it be returned by any finder, giving details of when and where it was picked up.

In all, some 12,000 bottles will have been launched from ships by the end of this year. Some are expected to develop leaks and sink and others may well be broken on rocks, or land on remote beaches. But the scientists believe that at least 300 will be recovered, thus yielding otherwise unobtainable knowledge of the directions of currents.

The reason for this research programme is that it is now realised that the systems of ocean currents are far more complex than was thought in the past. Besides the big "streams" in the oceans—like the massive Gulf Stream—there are also smaller ones, with tributaries which, it is thought, probably form a vast network of currents.

The floating bottle is still the only means of accurately plotting these currents.

DISLIKES CARS

It is understandable that horses have no great fondness for cars. But Harry, a horse used for delivery work in Bury, St. Edmunds, seems positively to detest them.

While left alone for a few minutes the other day he nibbled a hole in the roof of one car, and since then he has bitten the door handles off two others.

STAMP ALBUM



MISLEADING PICTURE

THE SIZES OF THE BEARERS AND FOLIAGE IN THE FOREGROUND OF THIS STAMP, AND

THE HUGE PLANE OVERHEAD, TEND TO DWARF THE VICTORIA FALLS. DISCOVERED BY LIVINGSTONE IN 1855 THEY ARE ACTUALLY ABOUT 350 FEET DEEP AND ALMOST A MILE WIDE. THEIR "THUNDER" CAN BE HEARD 20 MILES AWAY!



THEY LOOK ALIKE—

BUT

LOOK AGAIN!

THIS TWO CENT STAMP WAS AMONG THOSE ISSUED IN 1931 TO MARK THE CENTENARY OF BRITISH GUIANA. THE DESIGN WAS USED AGAIN IN 1934, BUT WITH THE DATES OMITTED.

? PUZZLE CORNER ?



THIS STAMP COMMEMORATES THE MARRIAGE OF KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN TO PRINCESS DINA LAST APRIL. IN THE TOP LEFT CORNER IS H. K. JORDAN.

WHAT DOES THE H.K. STAND FOR? Answer on back page.

GIANT OF THE VOLCANO

To judge from the recent eruptions of Mount Etna in Sicily, where a new crater appeared 4265 feet up the eastern side, it looks as though Typhon has become restless again.

Legend says that the fire-breathing giant Typhon, who tried to overthrow Jupiter, was struck by the lightning of the god as punishment, and buried in the depths of the volcano. Every so often it bursts into activity as the monster tries to free himself.

The chaos of explosions and molten lava is further increased, the ancients said, by the frenzied activities of Vulcan and his assistants, who hammer out the thunderbolts of Jupiter in their workshops beneath the mountains!

But the Roman philosopher Lucretius had a more scientific, if erroneous, explanation when he said the eruptions were produced by the boiling of sea-water which seeped into the interior.

EARLY ERUPTIONS

Just how dangerous Etna can be is shown by the heavy toll of life it took when erupting in 1693, and the severe damage suffered by nearby Catania in 1169. In the terrible eruption of 121 B.C., this town was completely destroyed.

Another of the earliest recorded eruptions of the volcano occurred in 476 B.C. Among those who saw it was the poet Pindar, and in one of his poems he describes the burning rivers of smoke and the rocks which were hurled high into the air before falling out to sea with a crash like thunder—"a marvel both to see and hear."

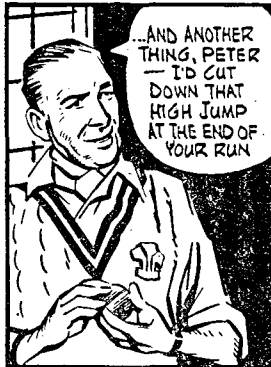
SAVING THE COTTON

A fleet of airliners have flown 200 tons of insecticide from Britain to Cairo in an effort to save the Egyptian cotton crop. Valued at about £200,000,000, the crop has been threatened by the cotton-leaf worm.

Steps to Sporting Fame



Lock, Laker, Loader, all of them Surrey and England bowlers with Wallington-born Peter Loader, 25, the latest to arrive. Lis an initial of some significance at the Oval.



Peter played for Beddington while learning to become a dental mechanic, with an occasional Minor Counties match for Surrey. Before deciding to become a professional he had some valuable coaching from Alf Gover, at his cricket school.



In 1953, with the great Alec Bedser away on Test duty, Peter set everyone talking by taking 33 county wickets in one week. But he still had to take second place to Big Alec. This did not worry him, though; he said he still had a lot to learn.



Last summer he played for England v. Pakistan, then went to Australia. Alec Bedser was ill and out of form, but Statham and Tyson were among the wickets so there was no Test place for Peter. His chance came against South Africa at Leeds.

DUCKLINGS IN WHITEHALL

Traffic on one of London's busiest thoroughfares was held up the other day for a duck with five ducklings.

After rearing her family secretly on a building site close to Scotland Yard, mother duck decided that it was time they learned to swim. The nearest water was the Thames, which lay across the traffic-thronged Victoria Embankment.

Undeterred, mother duck marshalled her family into line astern and was about to cross the busy road when a road-sweeper spotted them, gently herded them back into the forecourt of Scotland Yard, and informed the R.S.P.C.A.

PAST NUMBER TEN

After some difficulty the five ducklings were caught and placed in a basket, but the duck proved too elusive for her pursuers. It was decided then to lead mother duck to water, using her family as bait.

So the solemn procession started, with the five ducklings and the duck waddling behind. Across Whitehall went the procession, where the traffic was held up and London laughed at the sight, down the length of Downing Street, past the Prime Minister's residence at No. 10, and so to the lake in St. James's Park, a much safer duck nursery than the river, where mother duck happily joined her family.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

The works manager of a Sheffield firm of manufacturing confectioners retired the other day after 50 years' service and was presented with a gold watch by the departmental manager.

The two men had worked together for half a century and the minds of both went back to when they had seen their fathers go through a similar ceremony years ago, after the same record of service.

COACHES THAT BLAZED A TRAIL DOWN UNDER

Australia has a new stamp paying tribute to Cobb & Company, the early carriers of the Royal Mail who pioneered the outback roads. The tracks they followed are main highways in Australia today.

As shown here, the new stamp pictures a coach and five-horse team crossing the open plain, a passenger perched high on the top behind the driver.

This was a familiar sight throughout Australia in the latter half of the 19th century. To the people who lived in that era it was as much part of the landscape as the gum trees.

Freeman Cobb and the men who founded the old coaching line were not Australian. They came from America, and much of their success was due to the quality of their American equipment.

It needed a man with the enterprise and energy of Cobb to convert the chaotic transport of those days to something like a system. As an example, bullock-drawn drays were taking 21 days to travel the track between Mel-

bourne and the Bendigo goldfields 101 miles away. Cobb reduced the time to 24 hours.

The first Cobb coach left Melbourne for Bendigo on January 30, 1854. Before long the coaches and the services were a sensation; they achieved speeds people had never thought possible.



The horses were good and the drivers brilliant. Perhaps the best-known driver was "Cabbage Tree Ned" Devine, who in 1862 drove an English cricket XI around Geelong in a coach pulled by 12 greys.

Cobb and his partners reaped a rich reward. In two years they had made enough to sell out, and Cobb himself returned to America and in due course became a Senator.

Then another American, James Rutherford, bought the business and spread the coach lines throughout Eastern Australia. By 1870 Cobb & Company (the name was always retained) were harnessing 6000 horses per day in three States.

The coaches travelled as much as 28,000 miles per week and were earning £95,000 a year in mail contracts alone. The annual payroll exceeded £100,000 and their routes spread over 4000 miles of road.

As the firm was planning even bigger programmes of expansion the competition that was to kill the coach had started. Slowly the railways took over, and then, soon after the turn of the century, came the motor-car to deliver the final blow.

The last Cobb coach, running in the far north of Queensland, was withdrawn in 1924. Today they are to be seen only in Australian museums and some of the old stables in country towns—relics of a service which did much to develop the country in the pioneer days.

THE MASTER OF BALLANTRAE—picture-version of R. L. Stevenson's dramatic story (6)



The old lord, in his love for James, weakly ignored the revelation that he was a spy, and let James persuade him to sell land to provide him with money. The schemer had not come home to Durrisdeer to settle down, but wanted funds for a design in India. Later James succeeded, too, in winning back the affection of Henry's wife. Mackellar's exposure of his true character had been in vain.

Henry and Mackellar hoped that James would go now that he had his money, but he lingered on. One evening after Henry's wife and the old lord had gone to bed James jeered at Henry—his habit in their absence. He called him bumpkin and clodpole, and hinted broadly that Alison, Henry's wife, preferred himself to her husband. At that Henry struck him and called him a coward. The other turned white with rage.

"I must have blood for this," cried James. Henry, in grim silence, took two swords from the wall. Mackellar tried to intervene but James threatened him with his sword, and the poor frightened steward was silenced. It was clear that Henry, goaded beyond endurance by his brother's insults, was as keen to fight as James. They ordered Mackellar to bring candles and went out into the shrubbery.

It was a clear frosty night without a breath of wind. In the candlelight Mackellar watched horrified as the brothers faced each other. James taunted Henry: "Your wife is in love with me, as you very well know; your child, even, prefers me to yourself!" Then their swords rang together. At first Henry had the advantage. But James grabbed and held the other's blade—an unpermitted practice in duelling.

Is James to slay the brother he hates? See next week's instalment

Continuing

THE SECRET OF BUZZARD SCAR

by Malcolm Saville

Sally and Paul Richardson, with their friend Elizabeth Langton, and George and Keith, two older boys whom they have met while on holiday in Swaledale, are following a young man they call Ginger Whiskers across the fells when they are lost in a thick fog. Suddenly they hear a tapping noise from some nearby ruins . . .

14. Ginger Whiskers to the rescue

"I WONDER who it is?" Paul said as the five of them stood listening to the mysterious noise. Then, as they moved forward a few yards, a grey wall of broken stones loomed out of the mist. Sally slipped in front of the boys and stepped through the gap which once had been a cottage door. There, sitting on his knapsack, was Ginger Whiskers. In one hand was a small hammer and in the other a lump of rock. At his feet was a pile of stones.

He looked up angrily.

"Is there nowhere I can go without interference? Haven't I told you that I will not be followed about. What are you doing here?"

"We're lost," Sally said briefly. "Do you know the way back to East Gill?"

Tactful Elizabeth

"Of course I do. Now go away and leave me in peace." Then he noticed George and Keith in the background. "Who are you? Is this a Sunday School Outing? How many more children are there outside?"

Keith and George disliked being referred to as children.

"There's nobody else here," Keith said shortly. "We got separated in the fog. Didn't you hear us shouting?"

Elizabeth now thought it was time to take the stage.

"Isn't your name Mr. Thomas? Good afternoon. I'm sure you must have been here before. I think it's wonderful to know all

about rocks and things like that. Do please tell us what you're doing with those stones. Why are you banging them with your hammer?"

"Will you please go away and stop asking idiotic questions. I should have thought that Swaledale was big enough for me and a pack of irresponsible children."

"We can't go," Sally said brightly. "We don't know the way. Perhaps you haven't noticed it, Mr. Thomas, but there's a very thick fog."

"Anybody has got the right to explore the dale," said George angrily, "and it's easy enough to get lost in a fog up here. Don't bother yourself. We'll find our own way, thanks. Come on, Keith. Come on kids," and he turned on his heel.

Ginger Whiskers got up from his haversack and slipped his little hammer in his pocket.

Leading questions

"Don't behave like a young idiot," he said, and Sally, who was watching him closely, thought she detected a glimpse of a smile behind his thick spectacles. "I know these hills and as I'm going back myself now, you may as well come with me."

The next hour was a hazy and curious experience. For some reason, which they never discovered, Ginger Whiskers became a little more friendly on the difficult walk through the fog. Paul asked him many leading questions about mines, caves, and minerals, but most of his answers were evasive. Then Keith asked him if he had ever been in any of the galleries of the old mines. His careful answer to that was that if any of them found a mine shaft or entrance to a mine in a hillside they must keep right away as they were all very dangerous.

They never knew how he was able to find his way through the mist so easily, and just as they reached the banks of a stream the fog lifted and it began to rain.

"This is East Grain," Ginger Whiskers said over his shoulder. "In ten minutes we'll be at Buzzard Scar where this beck joins the Swinnegill." Then he turned to George and Keith. "Done much exploring round here?" he asked.

"Quite a bit," Keith replied. "What about you, Mr. Thomas? You must know the dale. We wouldn't have found our way down here without your help."

The man nodded. "There's something I ought to warn you about. Any of you met a big nian with a red beard since you've been here?"

"Yes," Elizabeth admitted. "He was jolly decent. He helped me to pull my young brother out of the river. Do you know him?"

"Only by sight. I think you should be very careful of Mr. Scarlett. Nobody seems to know why he is living in that barn."

Warning

"He's painting pictures. I've seen them."

"Maybe that's what he wants people to believe. I'd keep out of his way if I were you. All of you. Don't answer his questions. He's not what he pretends to be."

Five minutes later they reached the junction of the two streams by the ruined cottages. Ginger Whiskers looked at his watch and then said briskly: "I'm in a hurry so I shall go ahead. No doubt you can find your own way now. Good afternoon."

"Please don't worry about us, Mr. Thomas," Sally smiled as he crossed the Swinnegill by the half-ruined bridge and strode up the opposite hillside through the pouring rain.

"Home and a hot bath for me," Elizabeth said. "I know I'm selfish but that's my idea and I'm sticking to it."

Road blocked

The rest of them were so tired and wet that for once they all agreed with Elizabeth. Sally then suggested that George and Keith should also come back to the vicarage and have a bath. As the rain was getting worse they decided to follow Ginger Whiskers across the river by the bridge and finish up on the road. The last mile was the worst. Paul was now so weary that he was afraid to stop even for a second and was almost tearfully angry when they reached the narrow bridge, which crossed the beck at a sharp angle, and found the road blocked.

A large black saloon car was across the road as if it had braked suddenly. The front bumpers were touching those of a lorry, the driver of which was leaning from his cab shouting at the man at the wheel of the car. The children had to squeeze by the side of the lorry and the wall of the bridge and just as Sally was opposite the door of the car the driver put his head out of the window.

He was a nasty-looking man—red-faced, with a little black line of a moustache and horn-rimmed spectacles with broad, black sides. He was wearing a sleek black overcoat and black hat and looked like a business man from the city. Although he was angry,

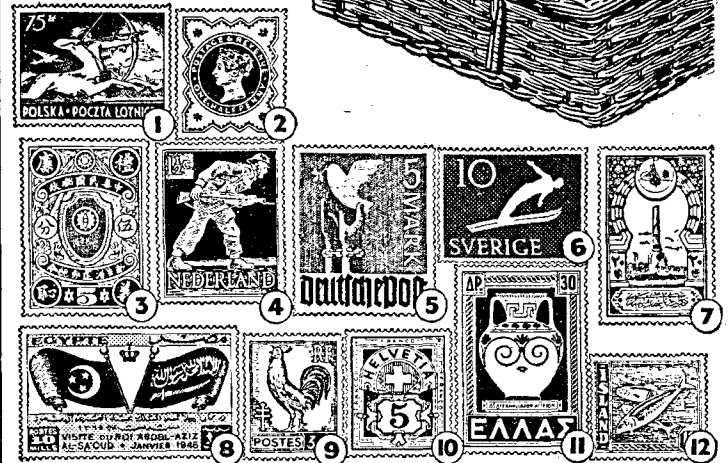
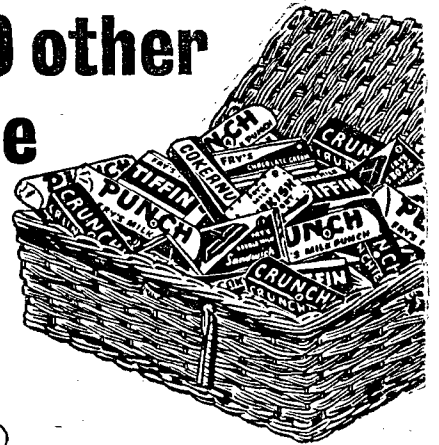
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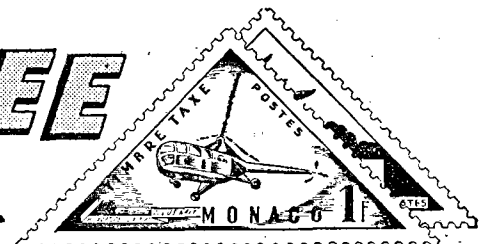
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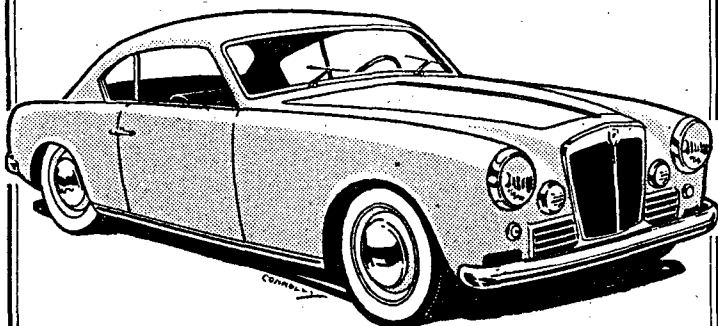
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2 Which travels fastest —
(a) a cheetah,
(b) a swallow,
(c) a lion?

3 A therm is :

(a) a unit of measure, (b) a type of meter, (c) an electrical gadget?

4 When was the speed of 100 m.p.h. first achieved in a motor car? (a) 1913 (b) 1909 (c) 1904?

5 What famous painter designed a flying machine 500 years ago?
(a) Rembrandt, (b) Michael Angelo, (c) Leonardo de Vinci?



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1 (c) But special care should be taken. 2 (b) A swallow can fly at 106 m.p.h. 3 (a) Measures heat value in gas-supply. 4 (a) By Percy Lambert. 5 (c) Leonardo de Vinci.

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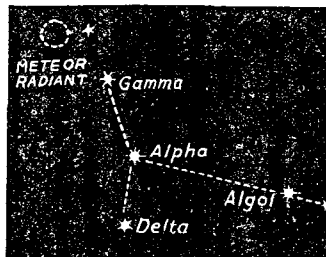
PERSEID METEORS DUE THIS WEEK

Remains of a 90-year-old comet

THE Perseid Meteors are due this week. They are some of the fragments or residue of the bright comet of 1862, known as Tuttle's Comet, which may be seen speeding through the Earth's atmosphere and producing those streaks of light popularly known as "shooting stars."

The meteors appear to come from the constellation of Perseus which is low in the north-east sky in the late evening, its chief stars being readily recognised from the accompanying star-map.

The later the meteors are sought the better, but about mid-



The chief stars of Perseus

night the Moon will appear in the south-east, obscuring all but exceptionally bright meteors.

Between ten and eleven p.m. would seem to present the best opportunity, and the evening of August 12 is when most meteors are likely to be seen—perhaps between 30 and 60 an hour—assuming that the maximum display does not occur during daylight or after moonrise.

As already mentioned, comets are the sources of meteors. There are many streams of meteors, each stream the residue of its own particular comet and each composed of innumerable particles which follow at great speed in the wake of the comet.

The meteoric stream which we see is a portion of Tuttle's Comet, which was once 4000 million miles away at its calculated extreme distance. It is because the Earth happens to pass through this stream of cometary-meteoric particles between August 10 and 13 every year that we see this display.

FIERY FOOTBALL

After travelling at first very slowly but with ever-increasing speed, a meteoric particle, which may be no larger than a grain of sand or a football, finds itself, after about a couple of centuries, not far from the Earth's orbit just when the Earth happens to be near. The gravitational pull draws the meteor nearer and nearer with ever-increasing speed until this meteoric "football," let us say, rushes into the Earth's denser atmosphere at a speed of between 30 and 40 miles a second.

Then, because of the intense heat generated by friction, the meteor lights up with a brilliant incandescence and becomes visible. This occurs usually at a height of about 70 miles from the Earth's surface.

The meteor begins to burn away very rapidly, the time taken

depending chiefly upon the size and composition of the meteor. As a rule it lasts but two or three seconds, during which it traverses from 40 to 60 miles of the Earth's atmosphere.

It finally vanishes as dust, which slowly descends and becomes part of the Earth, while the gases enter into the atmosphere. Thus a part of the Solar System which a couple of centuries ago was some 4000 million miles distant adds to the corpulence of Earth.

The larger meteors travel farther through the atmosphere and may reach the ground where later they may be found resembling heavy crystallised lumps of metal. So do not throw away anything found that looks like this for it may have come from the depths of Space. G. F. M.

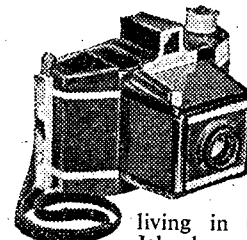
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C N Competition Corner

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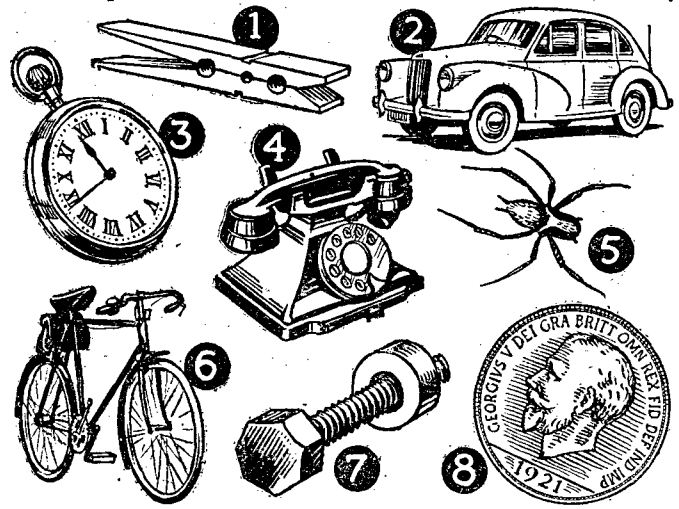
How to Enter: Below are shown eight commonplace objects... but if you look carefully you will see that the artist has either omitted something or drawn something incorrectly in each of them—for example, the spider here has only six legs. You are simply asked to say what is wrong with each object.

Write your eight answers in a neat numbered list on a postcard, add your full name, age, and address, then ask a parent or guardian to sign the entry as being your own unaided work. Post to:

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Cameras will be awarded for the five best correct entries received, writing (or printing) according to age being taken into account. Fountain-pens for the ten next best. The Editor's decision is final.



Calling the Rangers

Barbara Bartlett, 15-year-old trumpeter, belongs to the band of the Girl Horse Rangers of Shepperton, Middlesex.

MODEL BOOKS

Impressive cardboard models of two famous "Britannias," the Royal Yacht and the Bristol turboprop airliner, can be made quite easily from the pages of new Presso books. No cutting out is needed, the stiff sections of the models (nearly two feet long) are simply pressed out by hand and fitted together with tabs, little gum being needed.

In the Turboprop book, the world's biggest civil aircraft is fully described. In the other the model of the Royal Yacht is accompanied by an article about various royal yachts by Mr. Laurence Dunn, a well-known artist and writer on ships.

The two model books are published by the Brockhampton Press at 5s. each.

SPORTS SHORTS

This cricket

CRICKET is largely a mystery to foreigners, and their explanation of the game sometimes makes amusing reading. Here is a Portuguese journalist's description:

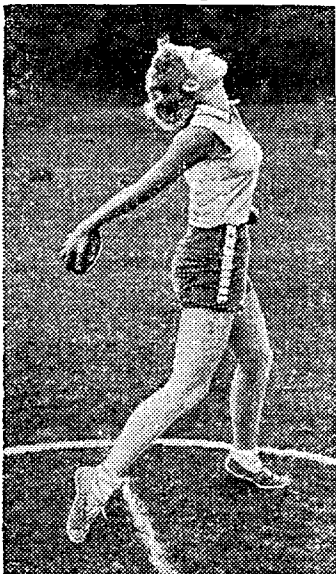
"Three posts are placed at a great distance from one another. The player close to one of these posts throws a large ball towards the other party, who awaits the ball to send it far with a small stick with which he is armed.

"The other players then run to look for the ball and while this search is going on the party who struck with the stick runs incessantly from post to post, making one for each run.

"It is plain, then, that it is to the advantage of the party that strikes the ball to make it jump very far.

"At other times the projectile, sent with a vigorous arm, cannot be stopped and breaks the legs of the party who awaits it."

Discus girl



Marie Bridgeford of Brighton, the Sussex Hurdles Champion, has taken up discus throwing, and her skill promises new laurels for her.

G. V. LUKEHURST, opening bat of Gore Court, Sittingbourne, will long remember the month of July. In his first six innings he scored six successive centuries without once being out. His average was 643!

PLAYING against Loughton, A. Barton of the Old Heronians C. C., Wanstead, had a double hat-trick. He took six wickets in seven balls, and went on to take a further three.

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Shirley Twinham had a busy weekend recently. She won the all-England senior girls 220 yards championship on the Saturday in a new record time of 25.7 seconds, and was also a member of the Yorkshire county team that won the girls 440 yards relay race.

Two days later Shirley won the Victrix Ludorum at the Pudsey Grammar School Sports, winning the senior girls 100 yards, 220 yards, 880 yards, long jump, and high jump. She hopes to become a Physical Education mistress.

ON Saturday (when the Scottish Soccer season opens) a team representing Great Britain is to meet the Rest of Europe XI in Belfast. The British team, which includes three Englishmen, two Welshmen, three Irishmen, and three Scotsmen, is captained by Danny Blanchflower, the Irish skipper of Tottenham Hotspur. The last time Great Britain met the Rest of Europe was at Hampden Park, Glasgow, in 1947, when the British team won 6-1.

WARWICKSHIRE have won the inter-county women's lawn tennis championship for the first time since it was instituted in 1899 and broken the 30-year-old reign of either Middlesex or Surrey. Playing a leading part in the victory were two teenage girls, 19-year-old Valerie Pitt and 16-year-old Anne Haydon.

Lake swim

THE record for swimming the 10½-mile length of Lake Windermere had stood for 21 years until it was twice broken within three days recently. John K. Slater swam from Ambleside to Lakeside in five hours 20 minutes, beating the 1934 record by 62 minutes.

GREAT BRITAIN'S athletics match against Hungary this weekend may provide the London White City crowd with as many thrills as the floodlight London versus Moscow match last year. With the leading athletes of both countries competing we are sure of some wonderful races and the possibility of new records.

Derek Johnson and Brian Hewson versus Szentgali in the half-mile; Chris Chataway versus I. Tabori in the mile and also against Sandor Iharos in the three miles; and Gordon Pirie and Ken Norris against Josef Kovacs in the six miles—all might well bring about new record times.

A BRITISH team of squash rackets stars is now in South Africa to engage in a five-week tour which will include four Test Matches. It is the first British team to tour outside Europe for nearly 30 years.

How to start



Chris Chataway spares a few moments from his own training to give tips to members of the Brunswick Boys' Club of Chelsea, London.

Flying horse



A curious view of a French competitor in a recent Horse Show at London's White City.

JOHN PULLINGER, 19-year-old apprentice ship's plater at Portsmouth, and member of the Gosport Borough A.C., had a busy day recently. To compete in the A.A.A. Junior Championships at Reading, he left his Portsmouth home by motor cycle at six o'clock in the morning. He then won the discus title with a throw of 149 feet eleven inches, was second in the hammer-throw with 176 feet six inches, and second in the weight putt. Incidentally, in the hammer-throw, 18-year-old Michael Ellis threw 190 feet ten inches, beating the previous record by nine feet!

In the family

JIMMY BINKS who has been keeping wicket for Yorkshire this season should know plenty about the stumper's job. His father, grandfather, and great-grandfather all kept wicket.

MR. DENIS HOWELL, M.P. for All Saints, Birmingham, hopes to continue his duties as a Football League linesman during the coming season.

THREE of the members of the successful Cheltenham under-15 Secondary Schools cricket team were recently nominated for a trial with the Gloucestershire under-15 XI. They are John Scarborough, opening bat of the Cheltenham Technical High School, and Robin Williams and David Woods of Elmfield Secondary School.

The Final Test

KENNINGTON OVAL, scene of so many vital Test Matches, will be the centre of interest in the cricket world from Saturday onwards, when the fifth and final Test of the current series with South Africa begins.

HARRY CRABTREE, former Essex cricketer, and now the MCC's coaching adviser for youth, has a busy time ahead. At the moment he is in Holland, introducing his own mass coaching scheme. Following this course he is flying to Rhodesia to continue his work among the young cricketers in that country.

THE SECRET OF BUZZARD SCAR

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his voice, when he abused the lorry driver, was not raised.

Suddenly he turned to the passenger sitting beside him and snapped: "For goodness' sake get out and make the fellow go back so that I can straighten up and get past. He's in the wrong and knows it. If the car's damaged he will have to pay."

All Sally wanted to do was to get home and she was too tired to be very interested in an unpleasant man having a vulgar quarrel. She was, however, directly opposite the car door and instinctively she looked inside to see what the passenger was going to do. The passenger was Ginger Whiskers!

When the children had squeezed by, Sally made them all look back. There was no doubt about it. Ginger Whiskers, also looking very angry, was trying to persuade the lorry driver to reverse.

"Very odd," Keith said when Sally told him what she overheard. "I thought he might have begged for a lift but it looks as if they know each other. Most peculiar!"

Soon they were back at the vicarage and dripping water all over the floor. Mr. and Mrs. Langton were talking in the hall with Richard Scarlett and after welcomes and introductions of George and Keith were over, the big man said to the two girls: "I don't know what you've been up to, but we were getting very worried. I was just coming to look for you."

"How wonderful," Elizabeth said as she pulled off her sodden shoes. "By the way, I think you ought to know that we've just been warned about you!"

Scarlett flushed. "Oh, really?" he said, and the smile disappeared from his face.

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A KING'S BUSINESS

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"Your name?" demanded the priest.

"Joseph."

"Surname?"

"The Second."

"Occupation?"

"Emperor."

HIDDEN TRAGEDY

CAN you make another word out of each of the following words by re-arranging the letters? If you do it correctly, the first letters of the new words will spell the name of a play by Shakespeare.

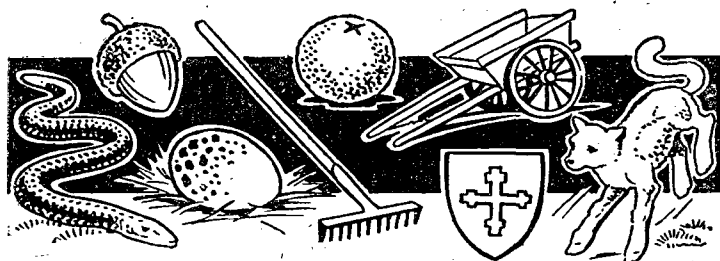
SHAM, MARS, MUCH, GARB, REAL, PART, THIN.

Answer in column 5

FIND THE GAME

Put the initial letters of these objects in their correct order to find the name of a ball game.

Answer in column 5



FROM LITTLE THINGS

A CRUMB will feed a little bird,
A thought prevent an angry word,
A seed bring forth a lovely flower,
A drop of rain foretell a shower,
A little cloud the sun will hide,
A dwarf may prove a giant's guide,
A narrow plank a safe bridge form,
A smile one cheerless spirit warm.

HOWLERS

DOCTORS usually test the patient's heart, then feel his pulse.

To marry two wives at the same time is bigotry.

A corps is dead.

A boycott is blue, and pink for a girl.

Rhubarb is bloodshot celery.

Magnet is a collective noun.

BEDTIME TALE

BILLY RACES THE TRAIN

THE last day of Billy's holidays had arrived, and it was time to go home. Mummy and Daddy were busy packing, so Billy wandered along to say goodbye to his friend John who was staying at the hotel.

They had had a grand time together, but Billy's only regret was that he had never beaten John in any of the races they had run. John was too fast for him.

Eventually it was time to leave, and they piled into the taxi and set off for the station. Arriving there Daddy paid the taxi-driver and they went towards the barrier.

Then he put down the cases to get out the return tickets. He felt in one pocket, then another. Dismay spread over his face.

"I've lost the tickets," he exclaimed. "Where on earth!" He stopped suddenly. "They must still be on the mantelpiece."

He glanced at the clock. Seven minutes before the train left.

"I'll get a taxi," he cried. But the taxi had gone, and there was not another one to be seen.

Suddenly he saw Billy racing away in the direction of the hotel.

"He'll never get back in time," said Mummy.

Slowly the clock ticked on. They put the cases in the carriage and waited, looking anxiously at the clock and then at the road.

They saw the guard take out his watch, then put his whistle to his lips. And at that moment Billy rounded the corner.

As the guard raised his flag Billy hurtled through the barrier and jumped into the carriage.

"Well done," Billy, said Daddy. "My! What a race! John would never have beaten you today. I don't think even Roger Bannister would have done, either," he added with a smile.

BOUNCER GETS INTO JACKO'S PICTURE



Jacko was about to take a lovely picture of some seagulls when Bouncer, who with Baby was watching from a rock, took a flying leap among them. That meant no snapshot for Jacko, but there were some rather snappy remarks for Bouncer!

GAME FOR ANOTHER TRY

JILL: "Why do you keep tossing that penny, Jack?"

"To see whether I do my homework or have a game of cricket—and it's come down wrong six times."

WHAT SORT OF WEATHER

The words missing from the lines below are all something to do with weather. What are they?

- "I bring fresh — for the thirsting flowers,
From the seas and the streams."
- "Have you ever heard the — go ooooo-oo,
A pitiful sound to hear!"
- "When — hang by the wall,
And Dick the shepherd blows his nail,
And Tom bears logs into the hall,
And milk comes frozen home in pail."
- "Season of — and mellow fruitfulness."
- "When men were all asleep
the — came flying,
In large, white flakes falling on the city brown."
- In slack wind of November,
The — forms and shifts.
All the world comes out again
When the — lifts." (Both answers alike.)

Answer in column 5

MUSICAL MYTHS



If you see this funny Jumbo
Ask if he will play the Flumbo,
And as his pipes begin to skirl
Your feet will tap, your head will whirl—
You must admit it is a rum go

OUT OF PLACE

WHICH of the places is out of place?

St. Martin's, St. Agnes,
St. James, St. Mary's.

Answer in column 5

TANGLED TOURISTS

In the following paragraph the letters of the words printed in italics can be rearranged to spell the names of two South African cricketers at present touring this country. Who are they?

THE hake is a carnivorous fish of the cod family which feeds on herrings, pilchards, and other fish. He himself is often caught in a fisherman's net and then someone will dine on him.

Answer in column 5

FACTS ABOUT THE GREAT PYRAMID

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It is the only one of the Seven Wonders of the World still standing.

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DID you hear of the tailor who sent a bill to an editor but had it returned with a note saying that "the manuscript was respectfully declined."

PROVERB TO REMEMBER

BETTER ask than go astray.

SPOT THE . . .

NIGHTJAR as it perches along—not across—the bough of a tree. Nightjars measure about 10½ inches including the tail.



The plumage is lichen-coloured and barred with browns of varying shades. Its beak, or gape, is exceptionally wide and fringed with stiff bristles, which help it to catch its food.

It is at dusk that this odd bird begins to wheel through the air, seeking moths, beetles, and other insects.

The nightjar's song is a strange churring sound, which can be likened to spinning wheels, threshing machines, or the purring of a distant motor-cycle. A weird bird, it also has some weird other names—goatsucker, flying toad, moth-owl, jenny-spinner, and dorkhawk.

STAMP ALBUM ANSWER

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ANSWERS TO WORD QUIZ

1a, 2b, 3c, 4c, 5b

BRAN TUB ANSWERS

Hidden Tragedy. Mash, arms, chum, brag, earl, trap, hint—Macbeth

Find the game

Lacrosse—lamb, acorn, cart, rake, orange, snake, shield, egg

What sort of weather

1. Showers, 2. Wind,

3. Iceless, 4. Mist,

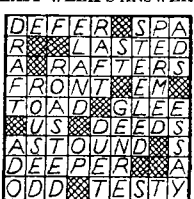
5. Snow, 6. Fog

Out of place

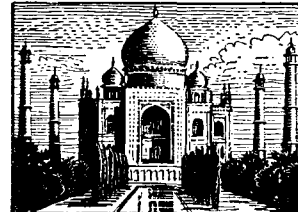
St. James; others are islands in the Scillies

Tangled tourists

Keith, Edean



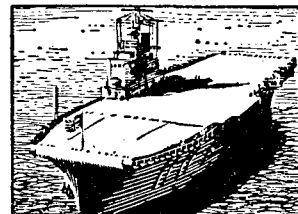
What do you know?



1. What's the name of this building?



2. Who is this famous man?



3. What sort of ship is this?



4. What's this odd-looking statue?

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Sharps the word for Toffee



1. Toj Mahal, 2. William Shakespeare
3. Aircraft Carrier 4. The Sphinx
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